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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Rebecca Parales et al.  
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Title: NOVEL NAPHTHALENE DIOXYGENASE AND METHODS FOR THEIR USE

Examiner: Delia M Ramirez  
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**PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 1, 2002, said period of response being extended from December 1, 2002 to January 1, 2003.

Our check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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